

II. Remarks

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application. In the subject Office Action, claims 1 through 4, 6 through 9, 11 through 13, and 15 through 17 stand rejected, whereas claims 5, 10, 14, and 18 through 20 are objected-to as including patentable subject matter. After this reply, claims 1 through 3, 6 through 9, and 11 through 20 will remain pending.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants are placing this application in condition for allowance by accepting the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the objected-to claims. In addition to amending the claims in the manner deemed allowable in the subject Office Action, Applicants are further making a number of minor amendments to the claims to improve their clarity and to ensure proper antecedent basis for the claim elements. To facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the amended claims, following are remarks regarding the amendments to each of the claims. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the elements of cancelled dependent claims 4 and 5. As with a number of other claims, claim 1 is amended to ensure consistence reference to the "one opening" being "in the airbag cover" and is further amended to improve clarity. Dependent claims 6 and 7 include minor amendments to improve their clarity. Claim 8, was formerly an independent claim, is now amended to place it in dependent form depending from claim 1 which is submitted as now being allowable. Independent claim 9 now incorporates the elements of objected-to and cancelled dependent

claim 10. Claim 9 is also amended to improve its clarity as are dependent claims 11, 12, 13, and 15. Objected-to claim 18, formerly written in dependent form, is now written in independent form, including the elements of claim 1 prior to being amended here, and incorporating the elements from claim 1. Minor additional corrections are made to improve the clarity of the claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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